

Receipt date: 07/28/2006

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → [+]

10/587744
IAP12 Rec'd PCT/PTO 28 JUL 2006
PTO/SB/08A (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)				Application Number	10/587744
				Filing Date	07-28-06
				First Named Inventor	YAMAZAKI
				Group Art Unit	2823
				Examiner Name	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
/M.F./		2001/0015256		Yamazaki et al.	08/23/2001	
/M.F./		7,060,153		Yamazaki et al.	06/13/2006	
/M.F./		6,887,650		Shimoda et al.	05/03/2005	
/M.F./		2003/0022403		Shimoda et al.	01/30/2003	
/M.F./		2005/0106839		Shimoda et al.	05/19/2005	
/M.F./		2005/0051872		Kawamura et al.	03/10/2005	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁴
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ² (if known)				
/M.F./		WO	2003/010825			02/06/2003		Abst.
/M.F./		EP	1 455 394			09/08/2004		Eng.
/M.F./		EP	1 193 759			04/03/2002		Eng.
/M.F./		EP	1 455 302			09/08/2004		Eng.

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
/M.F./		International Search Report (Application No. PCT/JP2005/001541) Dated March 22, 2005.	
/M.F./		Written Opinion (Application No. PCT/JP2005/001541) Dated March 22, 2005.	

Examiner Signature	/Michele Fan/	Date Considered	01/29/2009
-----------------------	---------------	--------------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /M.F./